Objective 39: Reduce proportion of those unable to afford to see a doctor

Maryland SHIP Vision Area 6: Healthcare Access
Tools, Resources, and Promising Practices
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Information, Facts, and Figures

Find Services & Information — Includes resources to locate free or low-cost health care.

Maryland Services and Hotlines

Get Health Care — Provides users with resources to gain access to health care in Maryland.

Healthy Howard Health Plan — Provides access to a range of providers and physicians for low- and middle-income families in Howard County, MD for as low as $50 per month/individual. It is not insurance but rather a health care safety net for those not who are not eligible for insurance and cannot afford a doctor's visit.

Promising Practices

Communities in Charge Initiative — Focuses on creating change to improve healthcare access to low SES individuals and the underinsured, developing broad-based community-level groups to address local coverage issues, and implementing delivery systems capable of managing care and promoting prevention.

Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance — Encourage employers of labor in rural jurisdictions to provide insurance for their workers at rates that do not affect their business. Campaigning to have workers use the health insurance coverage they have.

Latino Health Initiative — Existing initiative in Montgomery County, MD designed to: enhance coordination between existing programs and provide technical assistance to programs and services targeting Latinos; develop and support models of programs and services to adequately reach Latinos; and advise individuals in decision-making positions regarding policies and practices

Baltimore's Barbershop Outreach Program — This program works with community health centers to conduct health screenings and provide primary care access information and nutrition education in barbershops while men wait. It is based on evidence-based strategy that is tailored to address racial disparities by intervening in stores common in African-American communities.

Spanish Tools

[Healthcare Finder—Spanish](#)   Offers personalized information on various health topics
and tools to find nearby healthcare.